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NOW  
QUIT KIDDING  
AROUND!

WHERE'S  
THE LADDER?

THIS HAS  
GOTTA BE SOME  
KINDA GAG,  
RIGHT?

CHANGE  
OF PLAN,  
SLICK.

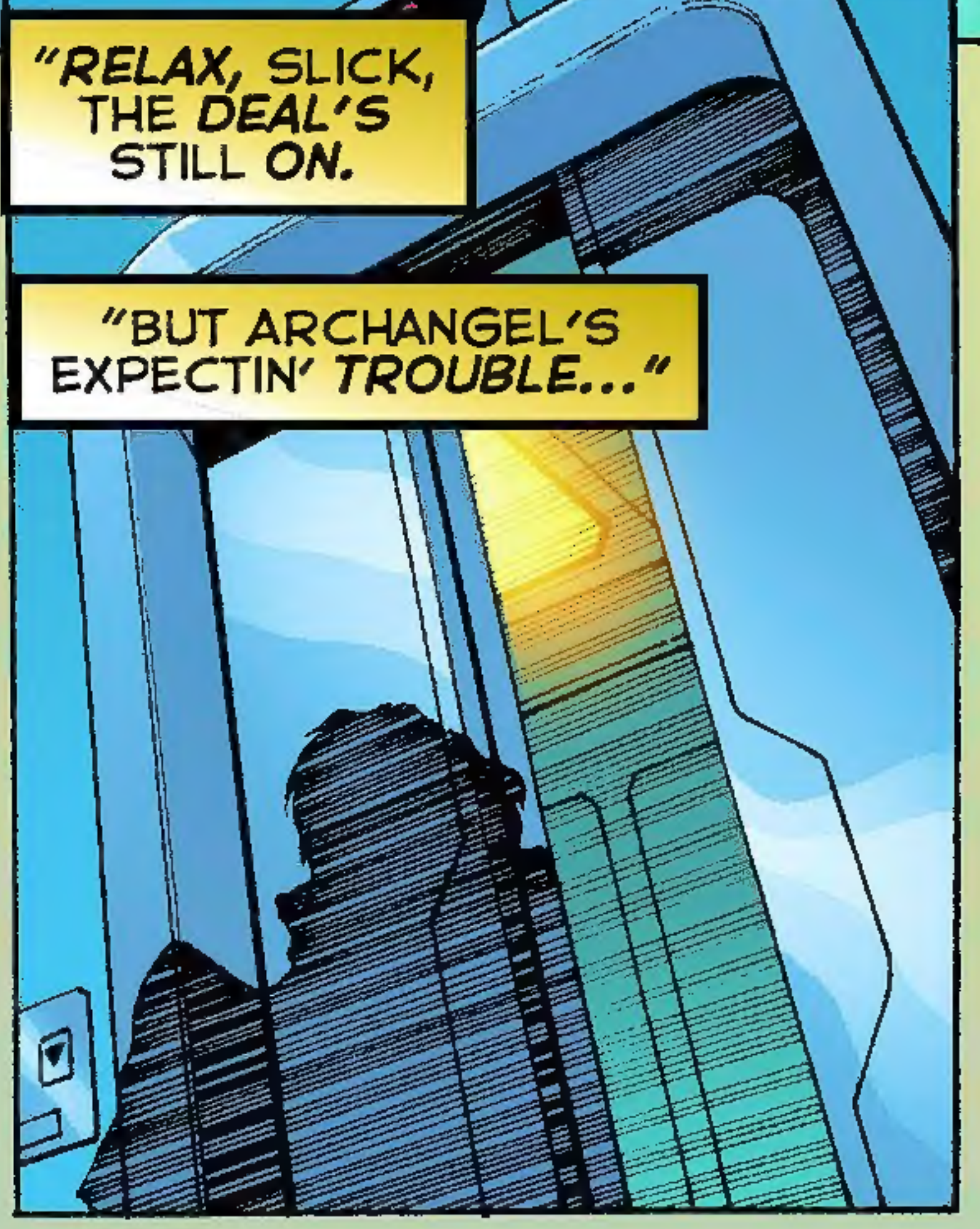
ARCHANGEL'S  
DECIDED TO KEEP  
THE LADDER--



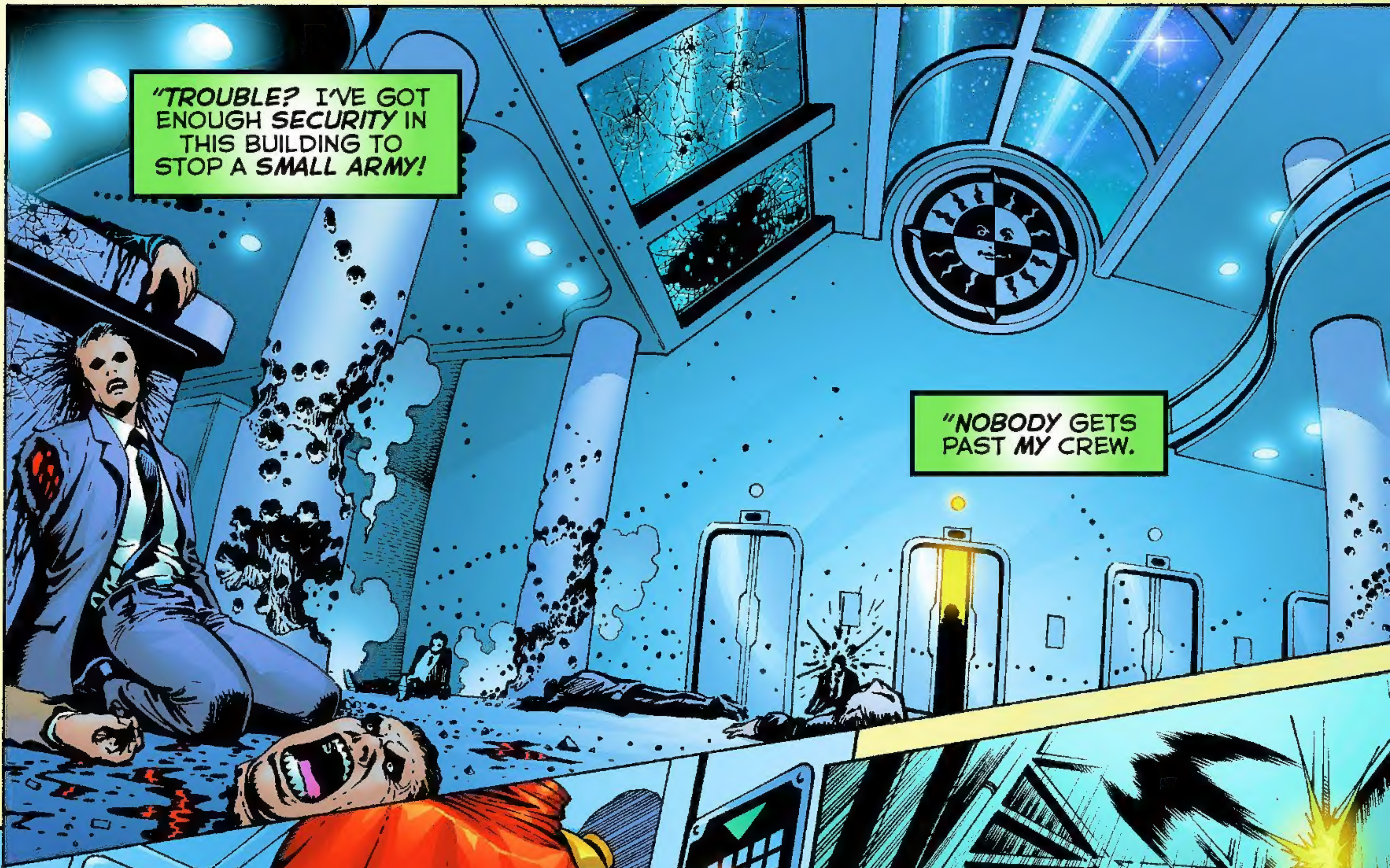
--AND GIVE YOU  
THE FINGER INSTEAD!

"RELAX, SLICK,  
THE DEAL'S  
STILL ON.

"BUT ARCHANGEL'S  
EXPECTIN' TROUBLE..."







"TROUBLE? I'VE GOT  
ENOUGH SECURITY IN  
THIS BUILDING TO  
STOP A SMALL ARMY!"

"NOBODY GETS  
PAST MY CREW."

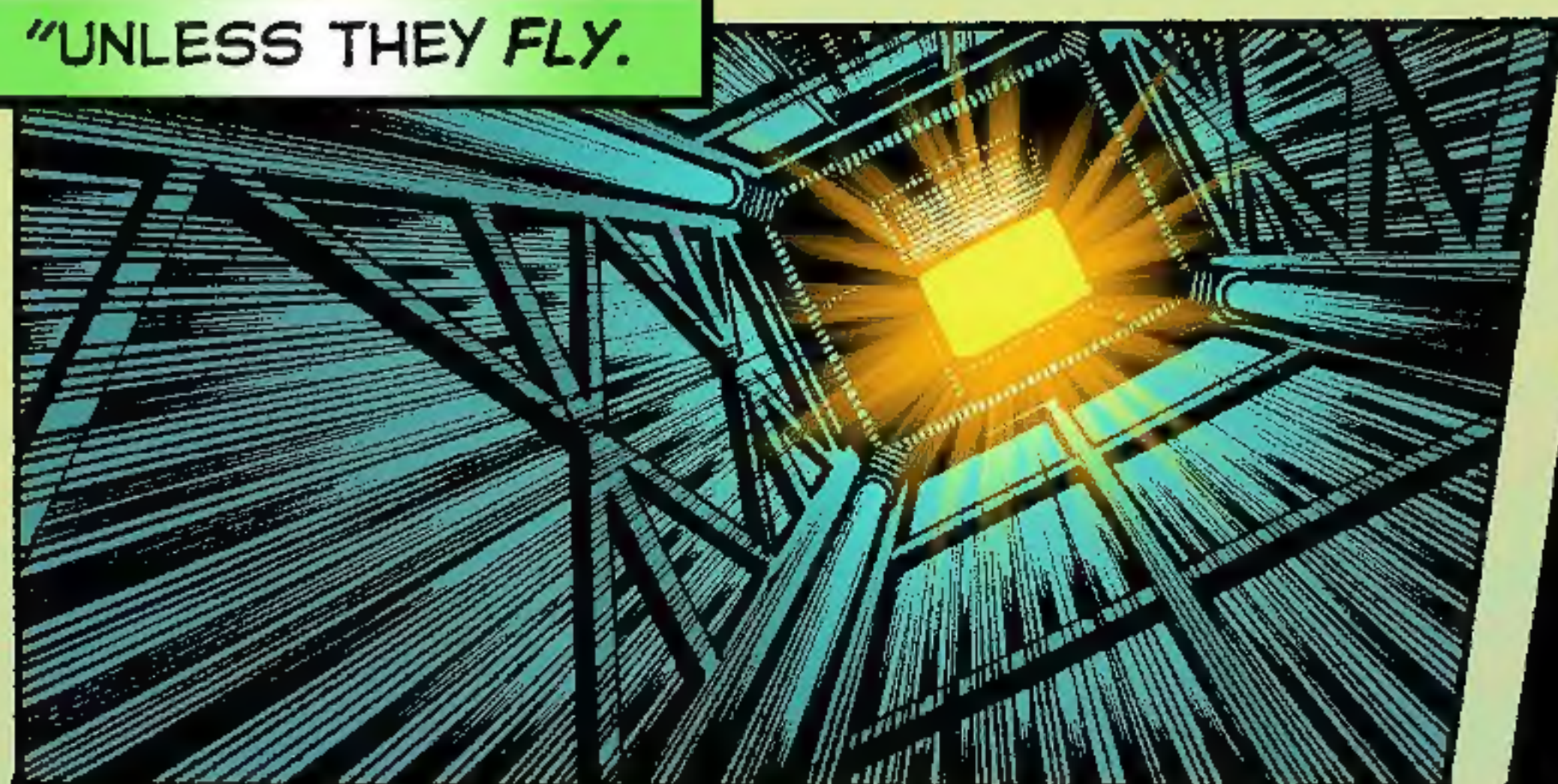
"THEY WOULDN'T  
EVEN MAKE IT  
TO THE ELEVATOR."



"AND HOW  
LIKELY..."



"TRUST ME,  
SHOCKROCK--  
NO-ONE'S  
COMING UP HERE."



"UNLESS THEY FLY."





--IS THAT?



SO MUCH FOR YOUR CREW!

TIME WE CLOCKED ON. WHAT D'YA THINK, DEADBOLT?



Trouble, Shockrock. Definitely.



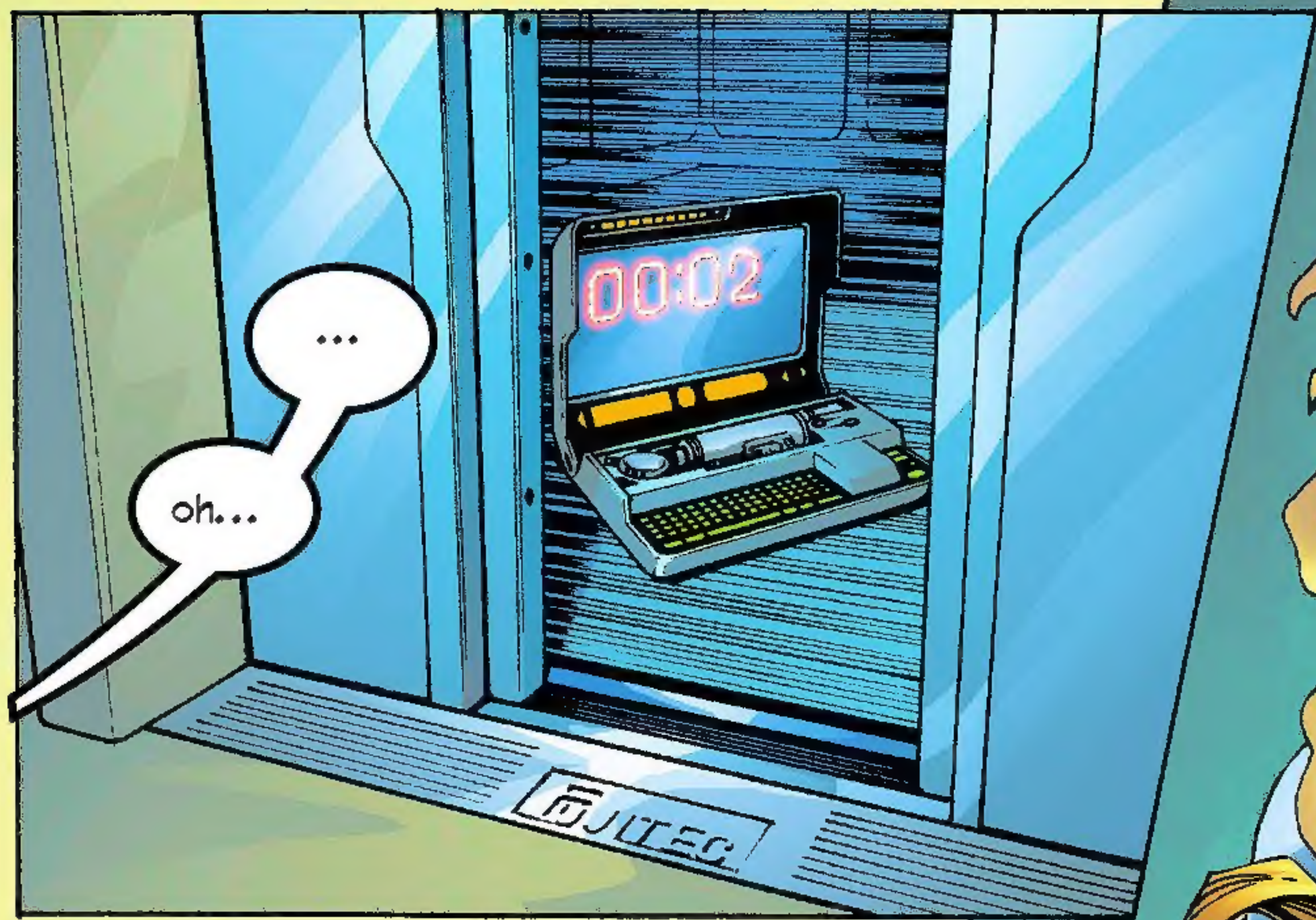
DAMMIT! WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?!



"WHERE THE HELL'S THAT JERK-OFF, YUKIO?"



"WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER THE DAMN PHONE?!"



...

oh...



EVERYBODY DOWN!

IT'S...

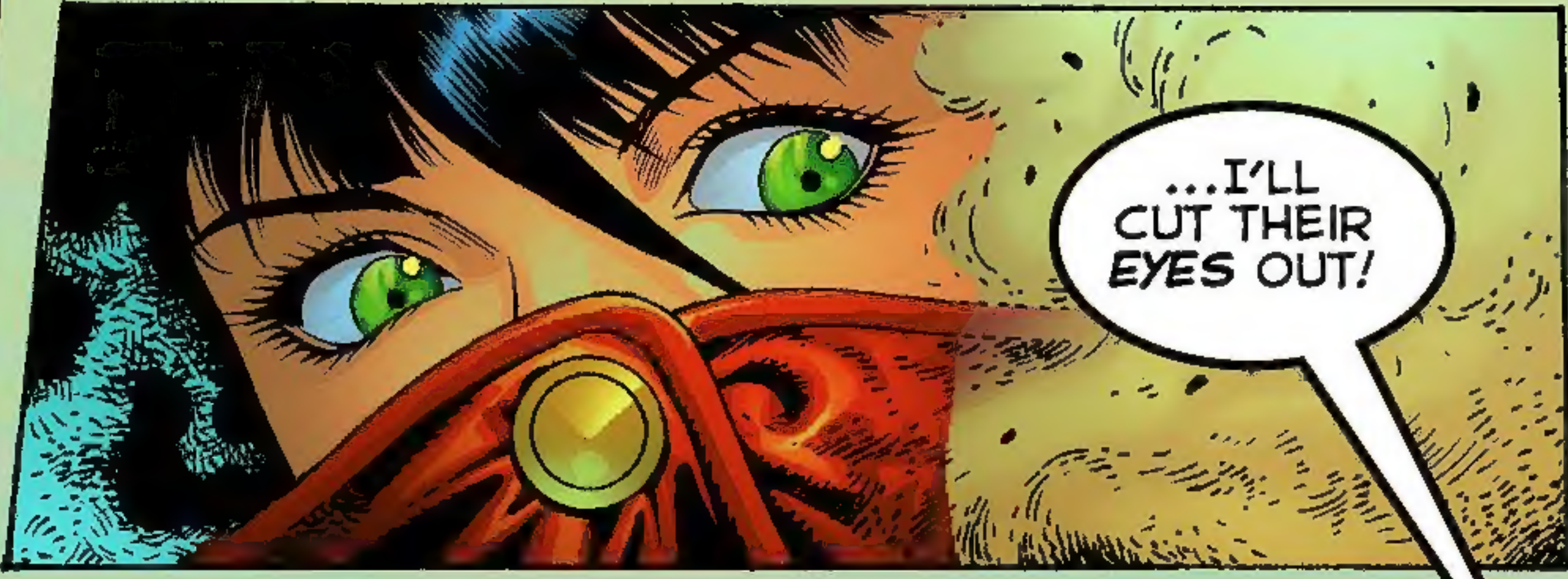


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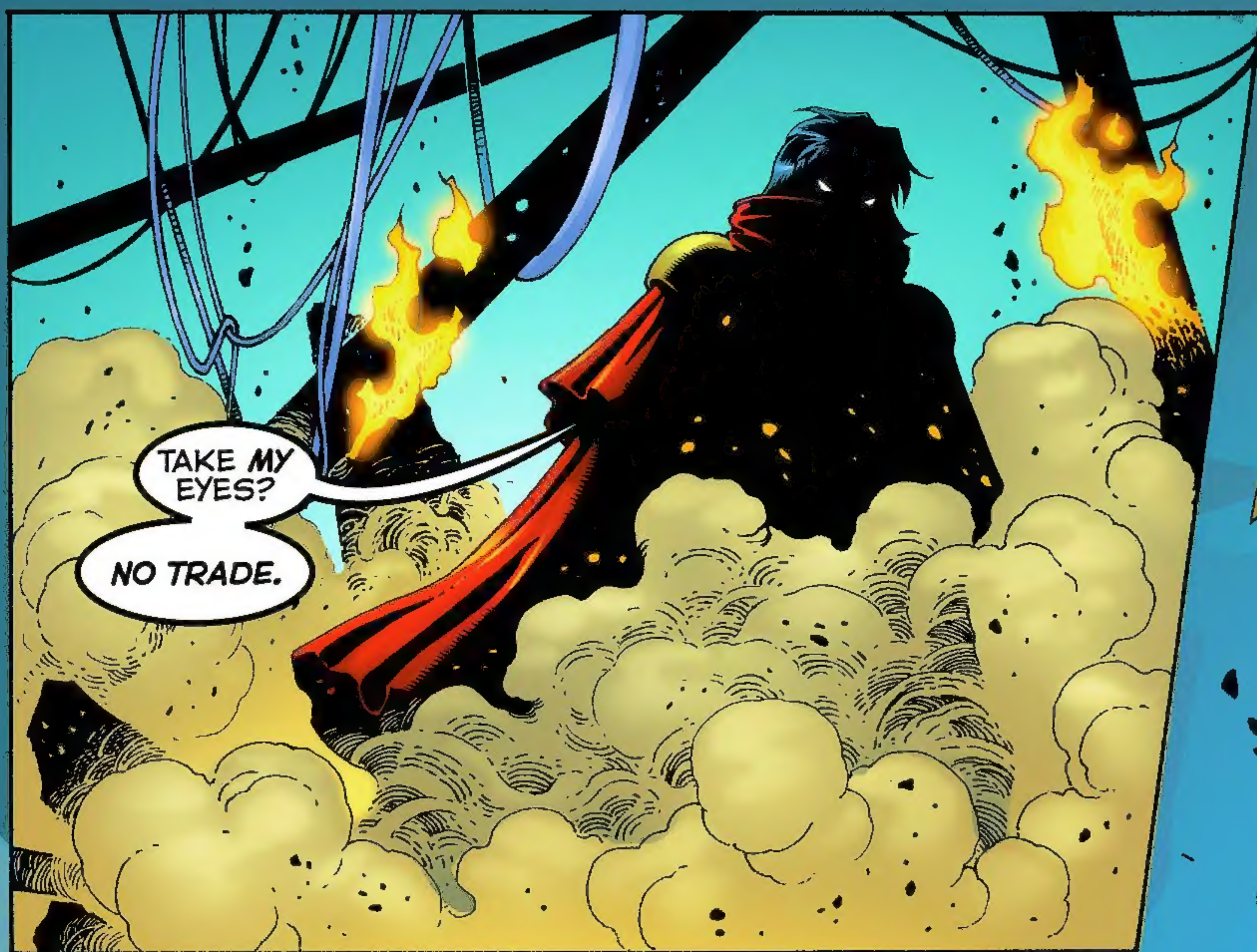
MY.

GOD...









TAKE MY EYES?

NO TRADE.



THIS IS THE DEAL...

...HAND OVER THE LADDER-- YOU KEEP BREATHING.



TRY AND ACT LIKE BAD-ASSES--



--YOU'RE DEAD!!

OH YEAH?

WASTE HER!







SO YOU WANNA DO THIS THE HARD WAY, HUH?

HARD OR EASY.



SUITS ME FINE.



BOTH WAYS ARE EASY...



...FOR ME.

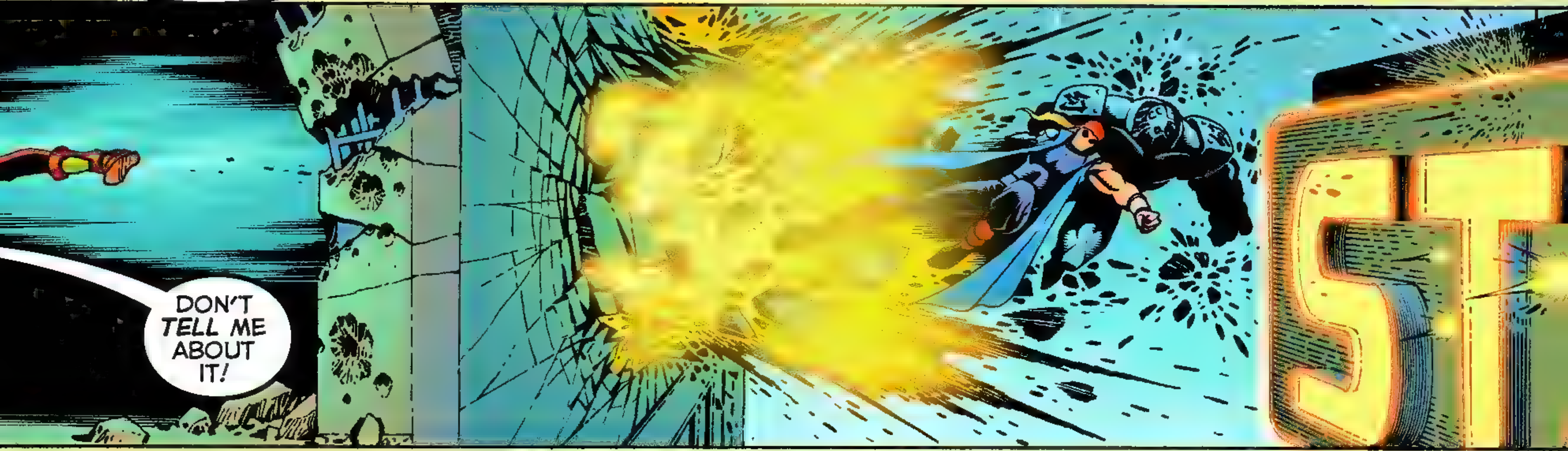
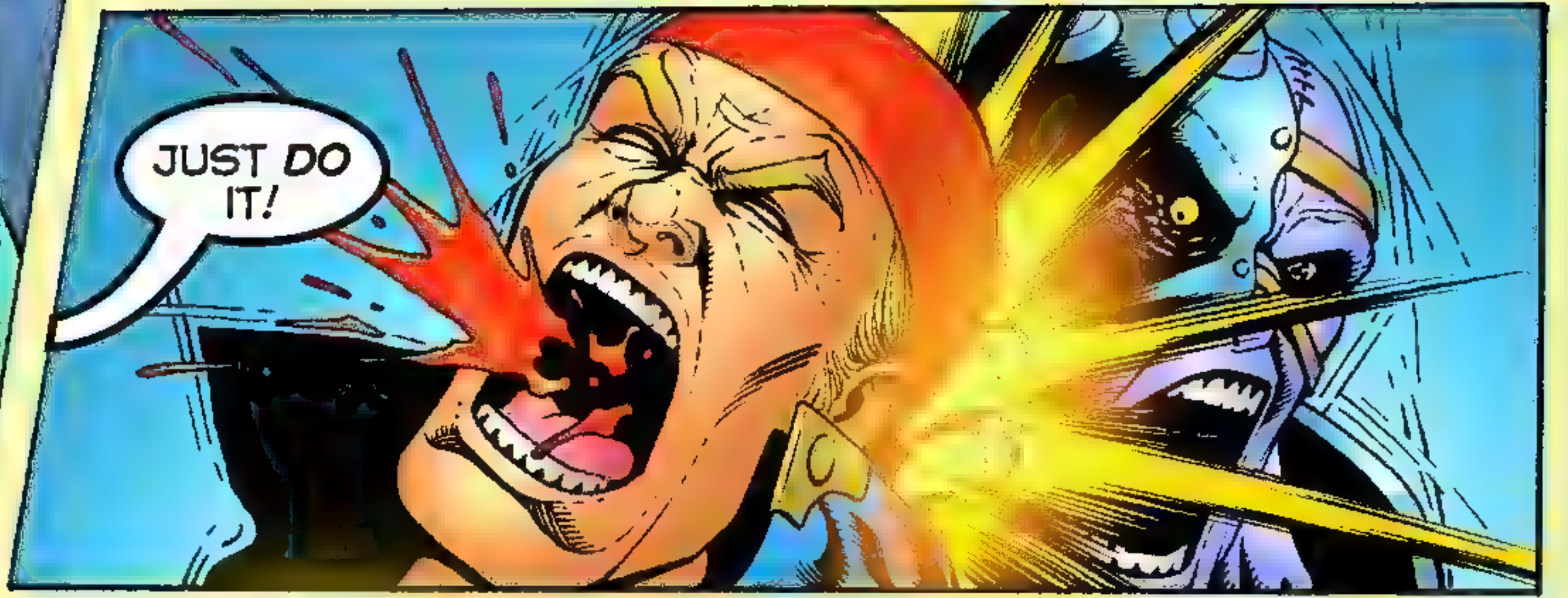
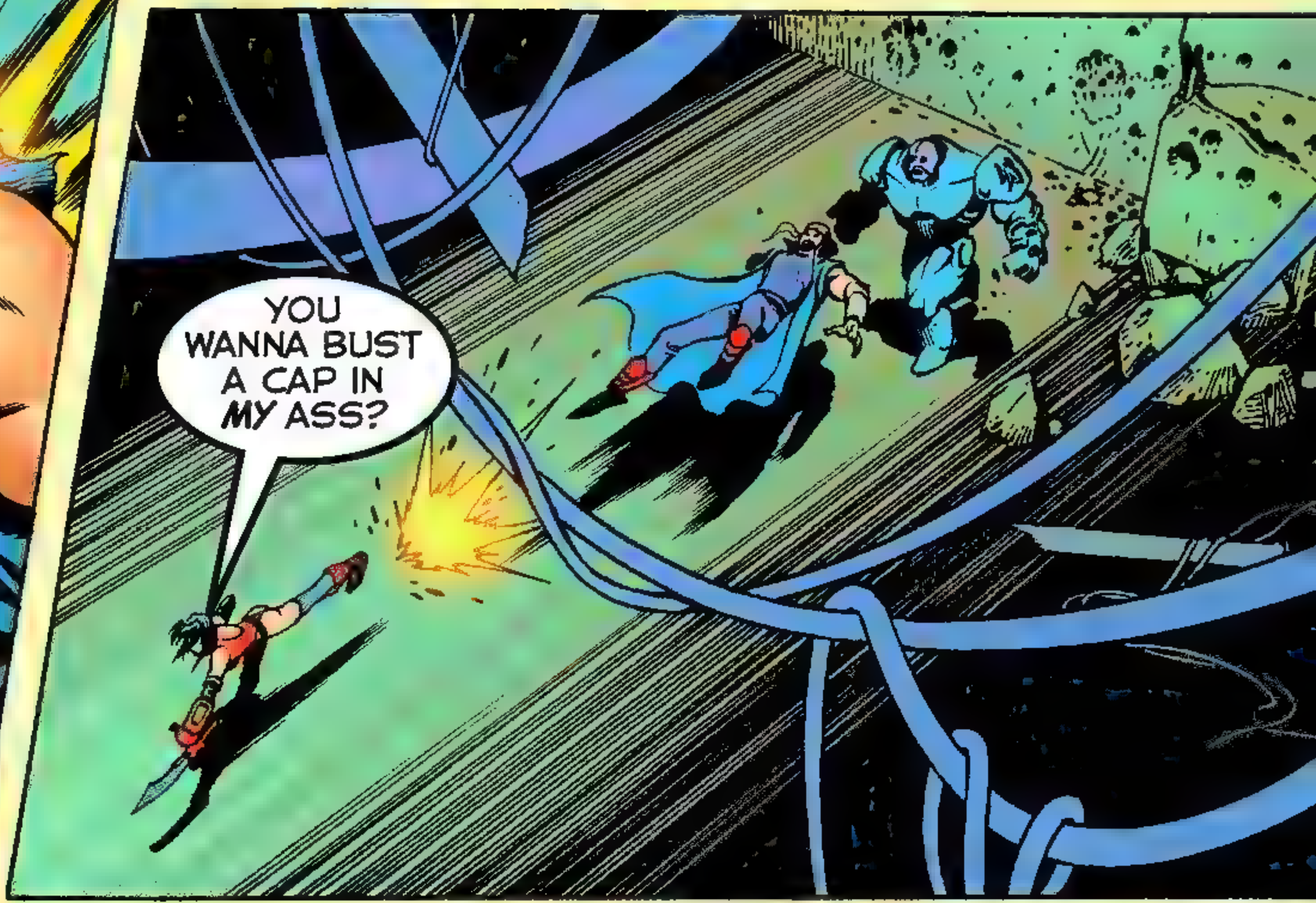














"THE LADDER'S  
HERE SOMEWHERE.

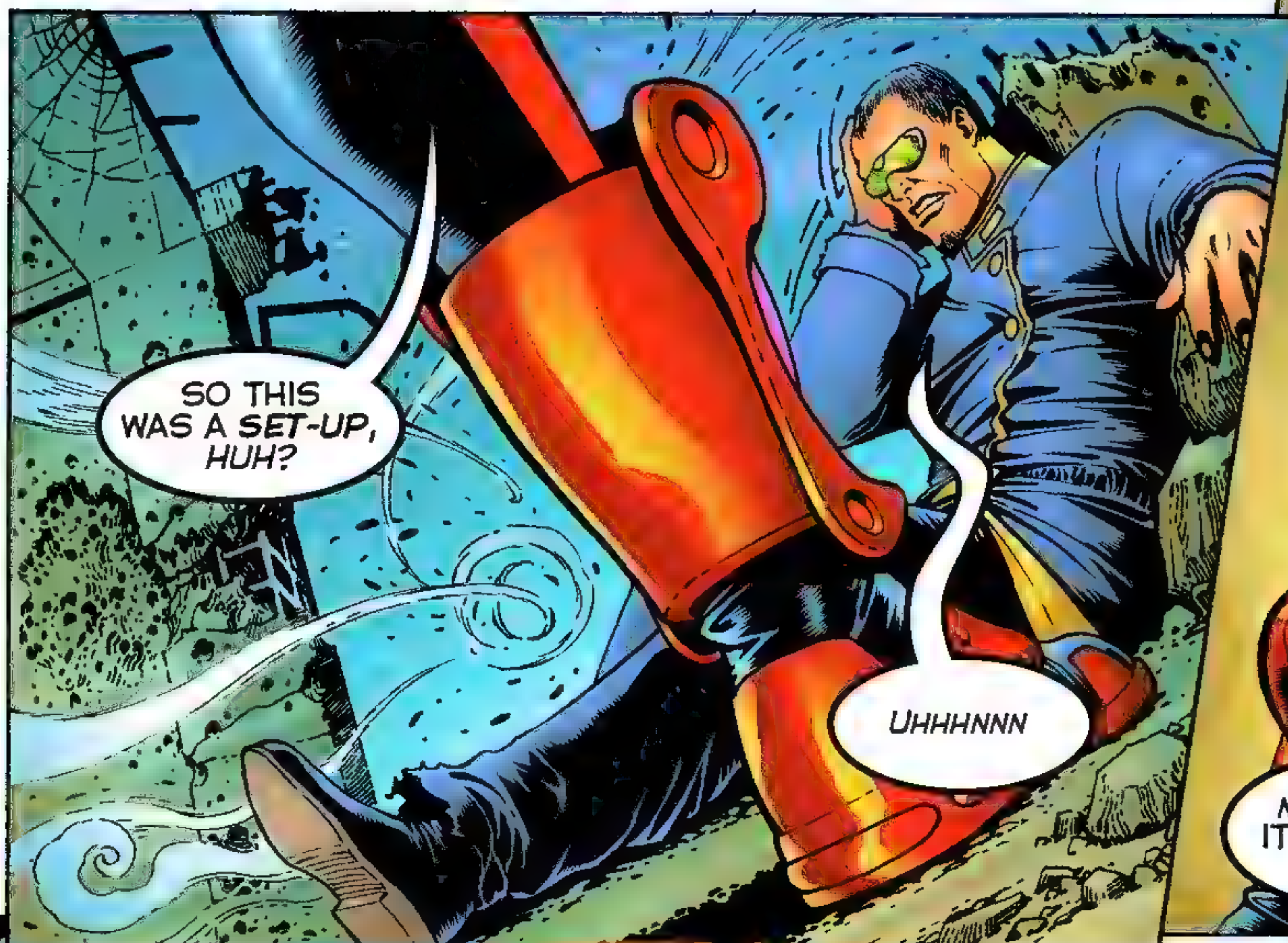
"ITS HOMING  
DEVICE IS  
STILL INTACT.

"AND, ACCORDING  
TO THIS LITTLE GIZMO,  
IT'S JUST ABOUT...

"...THERE!"

WHAT THE  
**HELL?!**





SO THIS WAS A SET-UP, HUH?

UHHNNN



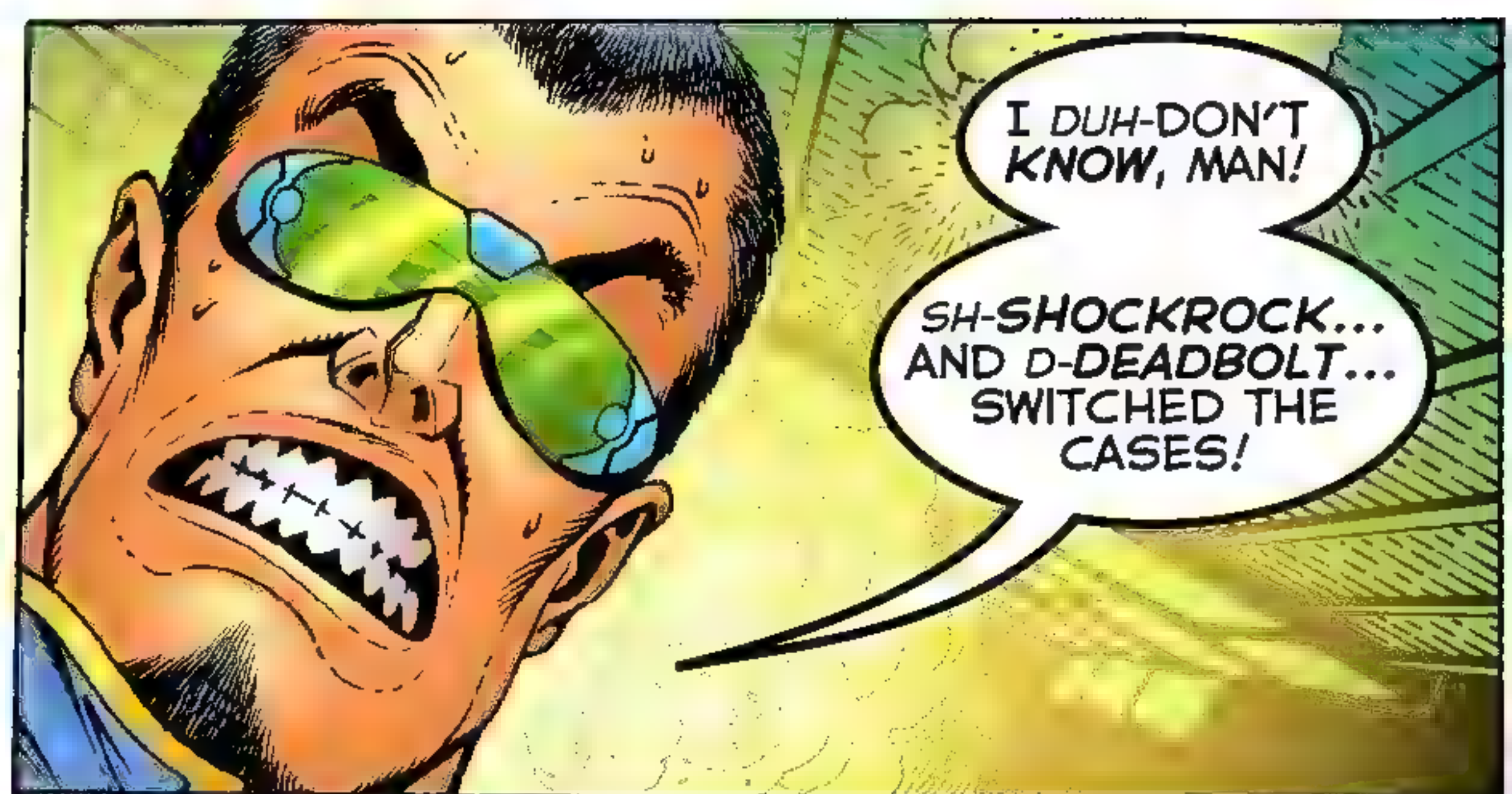
YOU SWITCHED THE CASES, RIGHT?

NUH-NO... IT... WASN'T ME.



I... I SWEAR ON... ON MY MOTHER'S LUH-LIFE.

I... I HUH-HAD... NUH-NUHIN' TO... D-DO WITH IT!



I DUH-DON'T KNOW, MAN!

SH-SHOCKROCK... AND D-DEADBOLT... SWITCHED THE CASES!

"IF TH-THEY TUH-TOLD... WHERE THEY STUH-STASHED THE LADDER, I DUH-DON'T REMEMBER... I SUH-SWEAR"



SELECTIVE AMNESIA? VERY CONVENIENT.

DON'T... DON'T BITE ME, MAN!



BITE YOU?

WE'RE JUST GONNA PLAY A LITTLE GAME TO HELP YOU REMEMBER--

YOU'D SELL YOUR MOTHER'S ASS FOR A PIECE OF THIS ACTION!

I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU THIS ONE MORE TIME.

WHERE'S THE LADDER?



--TRUTH--

--OR DARE.

SO,  
WHAT'S IT  
GONNA BE  
THEN, EH?

HELL,  
THIS IS CRAZY,  
VAMPI!

YOU  
AGREED TO THIS.  
REMEMBER?

EITHER  
YOU MAKE  
THIS EENSY  
LITTLE JUMP...

--OR YOU  
TELL ME WHAT  
YOUR REAL  
NAME IS.

NOBODY'S  
BORN WITH A  
NAME LIKE *SUICIDE  
BLACK*! NOT EVEN  
YOU, GOTTH  
BOY.

YEAH,  
LIKE YOUR  
MOM CALLED  
YOU "VAMPI"!

THAT'S MY  
SECRET.

AND THIS  
IS *STILL* MY  
GAME.

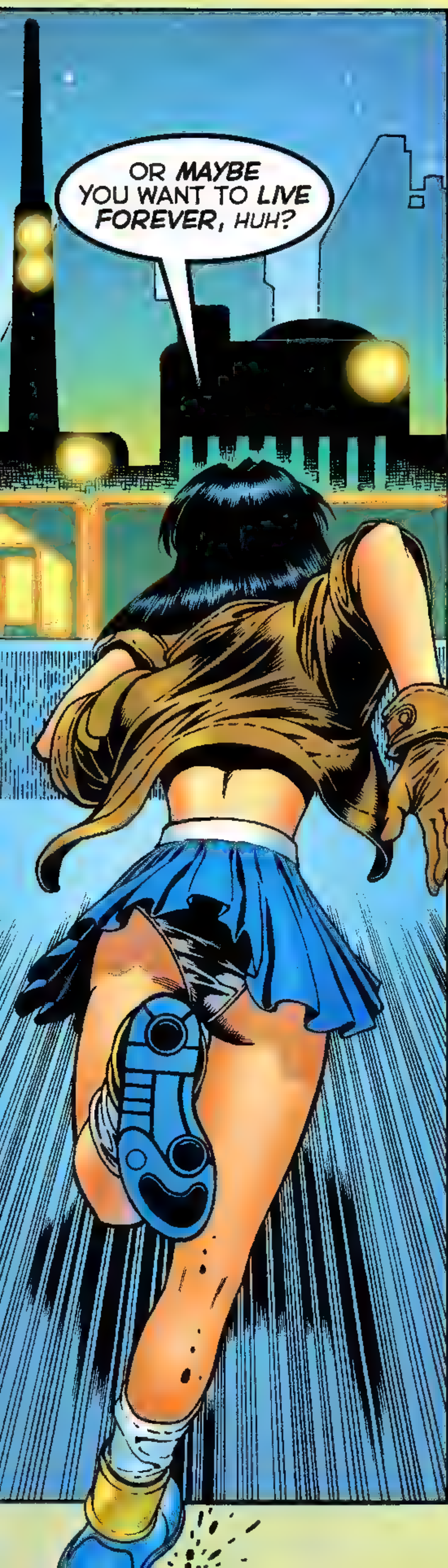




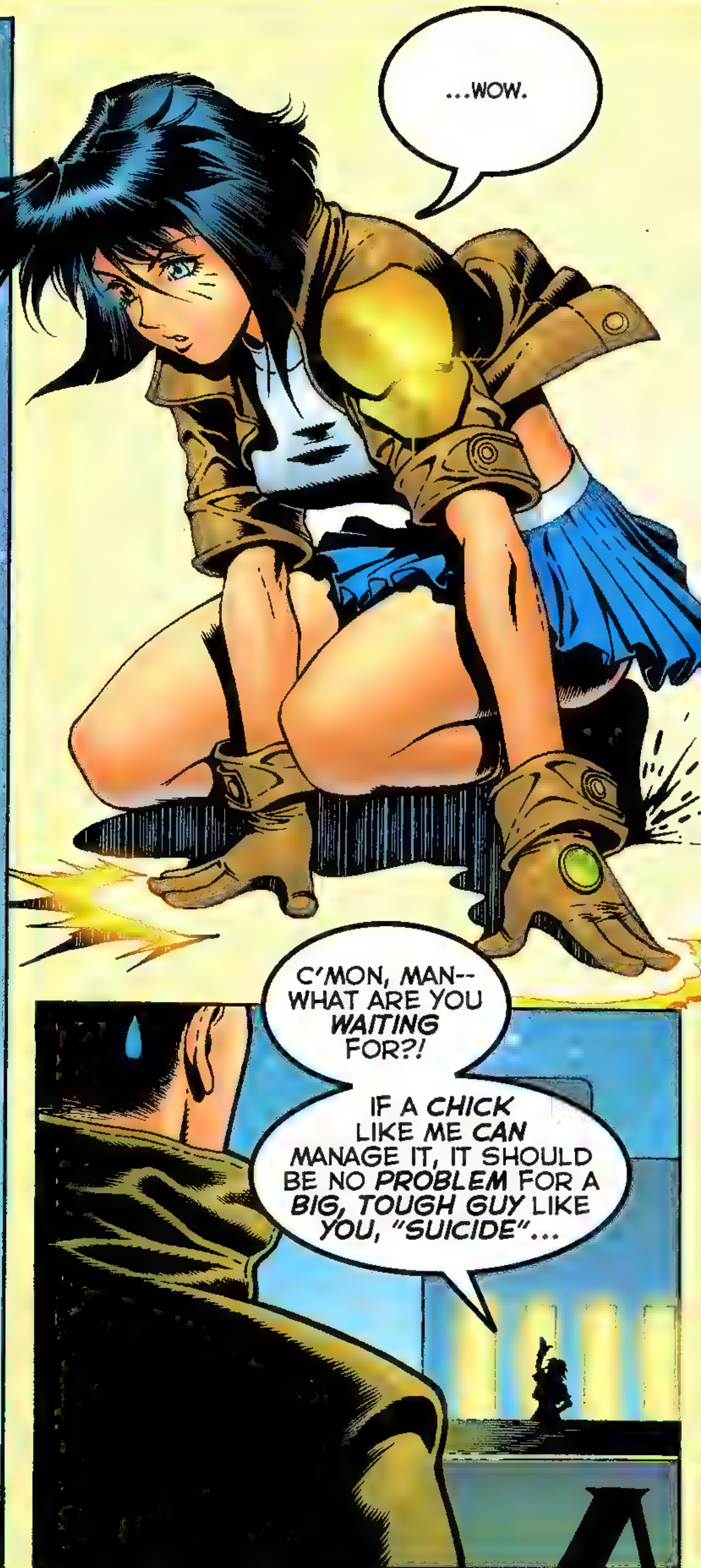
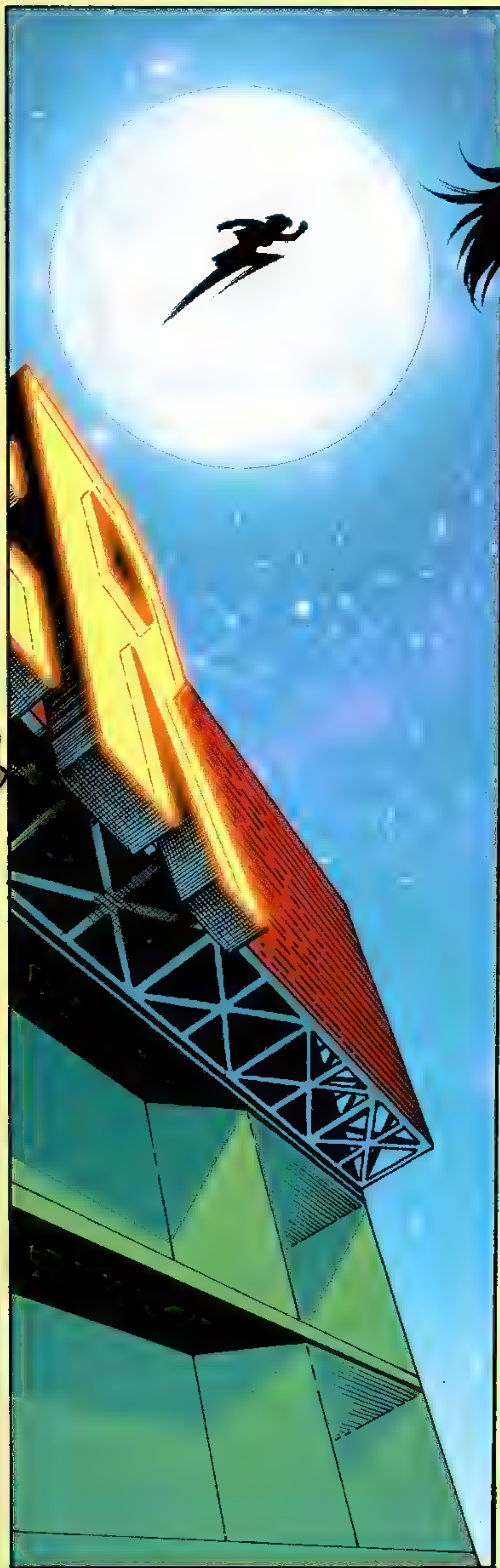
SO ARE YOU READY TO FLY?

UH, I DUNNO. IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN, MAN.

FUNNY-- I DIDN'T THINK THAT WOULD WORRY A GUY CALLED "SUICIDE".



OR *MAYBE* YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER, HUH?



...WOW.

C'MON, MAN-- WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

IF A *CHICK* LIKE ME CAN MANAGE IT, IT SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR A BIG, TOUGH GUY LIKE YOU, "SUICIDE"...





GODDAMMIT!  
THAT'S IT!

--OR IS IT  
TRUE THAT YOUR  
MOMMY REALLY CALLED  
YOU TIMMY?

THAT'S  
FREAKIN' IT!  
THAT-IS-  
IT!

WOOO-OOOAAHHH!!

DOOOHHHH  
SHIIIIII...

WASN'T  
THAT A  
RUSH?

UH...  
Y-YEAH!

JUST  
LIKE...LIKE  
FLYING!

FLYING?  
--NO.

NOT  
QUITE.

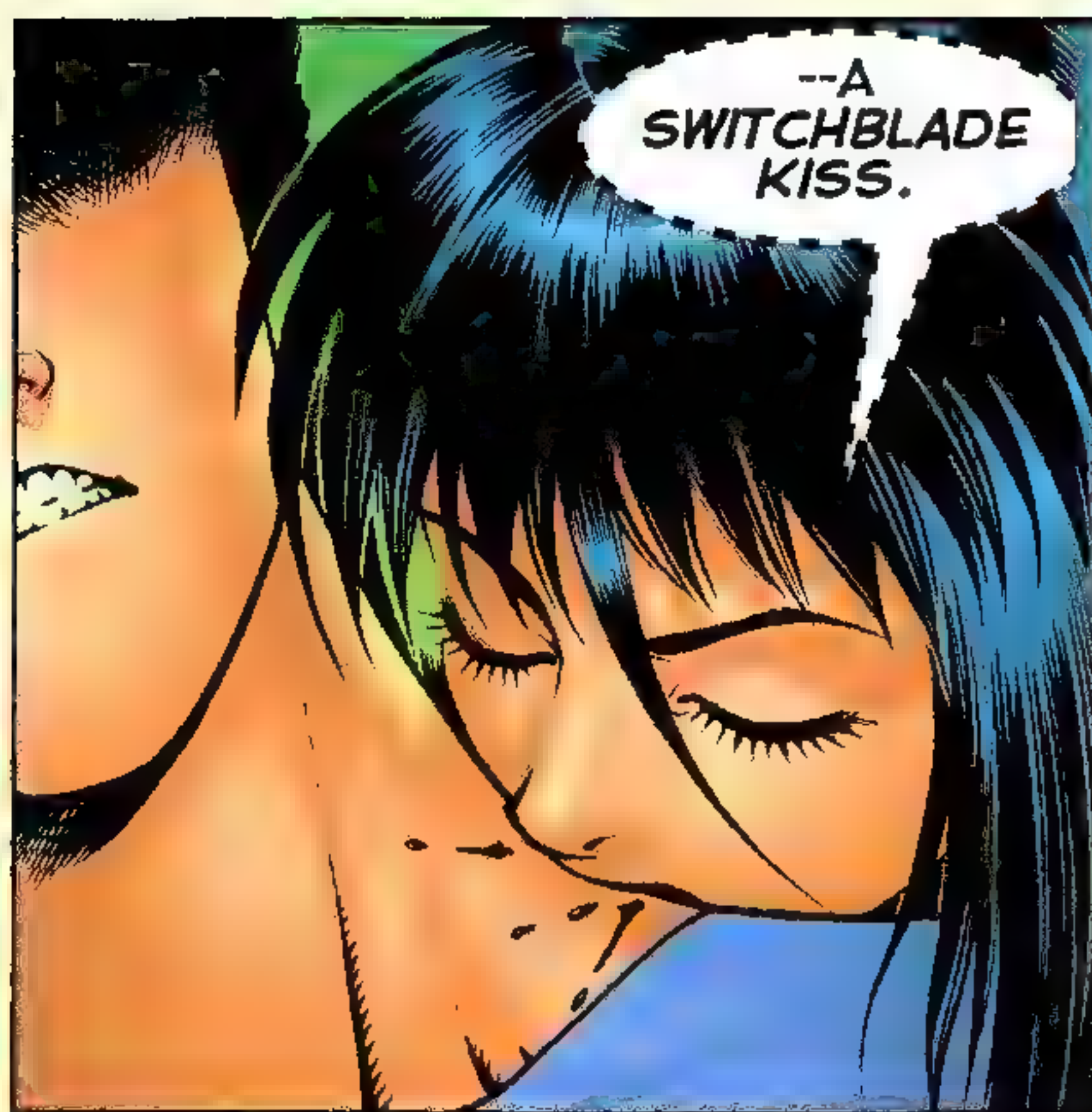




HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN LOVE, "SUICIDE"?



LOVE IS A DOUBLE-EDGED EMOTION--



--A SWITCHBLADE KISS.

UH, YEAH-- I MEAN, NO-- I-I DUNNO.



PLEASURE...



...AND PAIN.



TRUTH...





...OR  
**DARE!**

--OR YOU  
BECOME A  
**SPLASH ON THE  
SIDEWALK.**

IT'S UP  
TO YOU NOW,  
SLICK.  
YOU  
TELL ME  
WHAT I WANT  
TO KNOW--

WH-WHY  
SHOULD I  
TUH-TRUST YOU,  
MAN?

YOU'RE A  
FRIGGIN' VAMPIRE  
--A BLOODSUCKING  
KILLER!

YUH-YOU'LL...  
SUH-SUCK ME DRY  
YOURSELF!

I...  
I HEARD...  
ALL ABOUT  
YOU!



IF YOU  
KNEW ANYTHING  
ABOUT ME YOU'D  
KNOW--



SUH-SO  
YOU-YOU'LL D-DROP  
ME...IF I DON'T  
TALK!

AND  
ARCHANGEL  
WILL CLIP ME  
IF I DO!



--I DON'T  
DRINK BLOOD  
ANYMORE!



I GOT  
NOTHIN' TO  
LOSE THEN...



...SO WHAT  
DO YOU SAY  
TO THIS?!

JUST TWO  
WORDS...







SAFETY'S ON!



OH GOD!

**NO!**



"BLOODSUCKING KILLER", HUH?

THAT'S THE DOWNSIDE OF A REP LIKE MINE--

--SOME PEOPLE THINK YOU CAN NEVER CHANGE!

BUT WHAT CAN YOU TELL THEM?



HMMPH...MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY!







Tyrant  
Lizard  
King

EMPIRE